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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-referenced patent application, please make the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

In the claims:

Please amend claims 3-5 as follows:

3. (Amended) An easy open can end according to claim 1, wherein the aspect ratio of the opening is about 1.5